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MONTEREY NEWS



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OUR TOWN

Arts Festival Plans Under Way

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Kathleen Wasiuk, a competent committee is planning our Seventh Annual Monterey Festival of the Arts. The emphasis this year will be on the non-professional artist, though any professional who wishes to exhibit, too, is invited to do so.

So, Montereyans, if you love to paint, draw, sculpt or make artistic, handicraft articles, bring your entries (not more than four, and with the understanding that there may not be room to hang them all) to the church social room Tuesday, August 3, between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m., or Wednesday, August 4, from 3:00 to 5:00.

The purpose is to discover, encourage and display talent and self-expression in the arts. There will also be a Farmer's Market, and we are planning events for the poets, musicians, etc.. Festival dates will be August 6-15.

Monterey Bicentennial Picnic to Be August 21

The Bicentennial Committee wishes to announce that the Monterey Bicentennial Picnic will be held in Greene Park on August 21 at 5:30 p.m. It is the intent of the Committee that the significance of this event be found in the joining together of the summer and year-round populations of the town. Barbecue grills will be provided by the Park Department. Everyone is urged to come and to bring food, drink, plates and cutlery sufficient to his own needs. Rain date is August 28.

Lake Buel Association Studying Methods of Lowering Water Level

The Lake Buel Association is financing an engineering study on how to lower the water level of the lake during the winter months, and thereby to solve the problem of eutrophication. The state Soil Conservation Agency will be involved in aspects of the study, giving advice on soil sampling and dam building. The project will cost from \$1,200 to \$1,500. The procedure, called the "draw down method," is said to discourage weed growth by freezing and compacting that part of the lake bottom which is exposed by the lower water level. It also eliminates many so-called "scrub fish" which compete with larger game fish in the lake.

In the meantime, the Association is looking into the idea of purchasing a weed harvester. This device would cut weeds in the lake down to five feet below the surface and enable lake residents to enjoy their lake frontage during the summer. The price of a weed harvester is around \$1,200.

Supreme Court Reverses Ruling on Road Labor Overtime

The state Supreme Court has overruled the ruling by the Department of Labor, reported in last month's MONTEREY NEWS, that towns must pay overtime to their road crews. Monterey, therefore, will return to its former practice of giving its road workers the day off after a heavy snow removal day.

Environmental Impact Booklet for Sale

The Natural Resource Inventory and Land Use Plan for Monterey, prepared by Janet Flory and Randy Neel for the Monterey Planning Board is for sale at \$5.00 per copy. It may be purchased at the Monterey Store or from the Planning Board or the Selectmen.

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Additional Notes on Bicentennial Picnic

Further notes have come in since the item on the picnic on the preceding page was printed. Everyone is encouraged to wear red, white and blue, adding to the festive feeling of the occasion. Some picnic tables and benches will be provided, but those who can bring along their own seating arrangements are encouraged to do so.

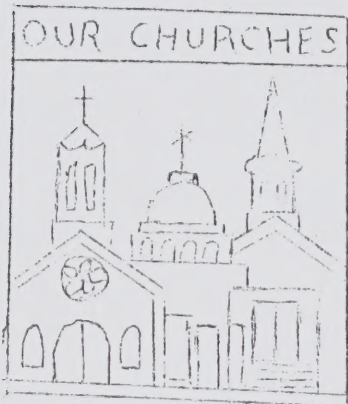
There is no admission charge required for the event. After supper Dean Amidon will lead a community sing, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

The Bicentennial Committee, co-chaired by Dean Amidon and Bette Seigerman, is co-ordinating arrangements and manpower support for the event with Police Chief Douglas Lyman. Volunteers are needed to help set up tables, man the barbecue locations and clean up. Interested volunteers and anyone wanting additional information should telephone Mr. Amidon at 528-1233 or Mrs. Seigerman at 528-0331.

Community Covered Dish Dinner

The covered dish dinner for this month is to be on Wednesday, July 28, at 6:30 p.m. in the church social room. The program will be "An Evening of Music" and is to be provided by a number of different musicians in the Monterey area.

All in the community are invited to this monthly event. The committee wishes especially to invite summer people who do not ordinarily have the opportunity to participate. So come, bring food to share and your table setting.



CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Welcome to the Reverend Frederick L. Heberle who has come to replace Father Dion. A reception for Father Dion is planned for Sunday, July 25, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield parish hall.

Masses are at Mill River, Saturdays, 7:00 p.m. and Monterey Saturdays, 7:00 p.m.

Church summer school: buses leave town at 8:00 a.m. Monday through Friday and return at noon until July 23.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes

Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. . . . The wedding of Paul M. Thorn and Martha Ann Falls was celebrated on July 10.

Every Member Canvass

The Finance Committee has been working on plans for the Every Member Canvass. The date that has been set is August 1.

Pulpit Dedication

The new pulpit that was created for our church in connection with the restoration program last year is to be dedicated on Sunday, August 8. The pulpit was given in memory of Harley and

Rachel Lutz.

Arts Festival

Ecumenical Worship

The ecumenical service that is to be celebrated in connection with the Monterey Arts Festival this year will be on Sunday, August 15. In planning for special celebrations of this kind Dr. Brallier likes to work with a committee from the community to help co-ordinate the elements that will be included. Any community persons who would enjoy helping on the committee are urged to call Dr. Brallier.

MY CHURCH

The ceiling of my church is a perfect blue sky,
With puffy white clouds lazily drifting by.
It is decorated with many shades of green
And blossoms on every tree and bush,
Each wanting to be recognized for its beauty and fragrance.
Music is furnished by the innumerable number of birds and insects
That seem to be orchestrating just for me.
Inspiration is found by watching rich brown earth
Roll off the moldboard of my plow.
Dedication is -- with help -- making two blades of grass grow
Where only one grows now.

Sheldon Fenn

LIBERATION: OUTER AND INNER

The cry "Give me liberty!" is one that seems natural on human lips. Having just celebrated our nation's Bicentennial, we have been reminded again that statements and slogans concerning liberty provided the very fabric from which our early history was woven. When they spoke of liberation, what were they talking about? Why, liberation from the oppression of George III and England, of course. What other kind of liberty was there worth talking about?

This is the way almost all freedom talk begins. It sees some outer restraint or hindrance to be overcome. It has no way to view the restriction of liberty other than the outer.

The child dreams of the day when he will be on his own and no longer need be subject to parents. The worker yearns for the great liberty he will have when he owns his business and no longer need work under a boss. Liberty, at first, seems purely and simply to get out from under the yoke of another.

Surely, by this time you have guessed the way this article is running. Is there a single one of us who has not made some startling discoveries about liberty? Have we not all had conceptions of freedom which, at first, were composed almost entirely of notions about freeing us from some force or person outside of ourselves? Yet what is that strange chemistry that often makes us feel less free after we leave our parents? And what happened to the worker who resented his 8 to 5 hours, who now, owning his business, often finds himself working from 8 to 9, or even later? To add insult to injury, the 8 to 9 person, not infrequently, for some period, may find less money in his pocket than he had when he was working 8 to 5. What sort of tricks does the quest for liberty play on us, anyway?

I wish to note a fact which must be apparent to all who pay attention to the nature of our engagement with life. Liberty seems to engage us from an ever-shifting arena. Practically all struggles for freedom begin in an outer arena. Then, almost without our noticing, the battlefield becomes an inner one. The enemy, at first, can always be identified as "out there," in front of us. Does it not strike you as strange that as the struggle advances the enemy becomes harder to locate? Why? Because the more advanced the struggle, the more the enemy shows up as a part of our own person.

When I am young and poor, the reason I am not a great musician is perfectly clear. If only "they" would provide me with a good instrument, fine instruction and rich opportunity I would soon rise to the top. Now that I am older, not so poor, and able to afford good instruction, I am not quite so glib in explaining why I have not risen to the top. "Pray tell me, good friend, can you see what is lacking yet? I am too close to the situation to see what has happened to fail the promise. Can you help me see?"

Oh, suppose you were one of these brutally honest persons. You might tell me things about myself that would be hard to bear. You might point out that "they" now have no hold over me. The freedom to claim my full right as a musician lies locked up in myself. In a strange way, now it is no other than my own self that stands in the way. But this is hard to bear. Perhaps it would be easier to fill out my days reciting tales of how "they" wouldn't give me the opportunity.

Now let me back up and complicate the story a bit. If in your life you stand in a place in which it seems "they" are holding you back, then that is exactly where the issue is joined. You have no choice but to engage with "them." Who are "they?" Parents, the nation, the company, the boss, God? May you have the nerve, the courage, to bring all your strength to bear in wrestling with those outer limitations until you gain freedom from them. But then, don't be surprised when the liberty battle changes on you and you find yourself on a new level in the fight to be free. And don't be too surprised if the enemies to your freedom seem harder to push into a corner and conquer. Not one of us really enjoys getting caught in a corner all by ourselves.

Two hundred years ago the only enemy to our liberty we could locate was George III and Great Britain. Today we are still having liberty problems. But we can't place the blame on England any more. Where shall we look? How shall we proceed from this point on to work at being a free people?

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ



The three-day July 4 weekend was celebrated here with enthusiasm. Groups took part in outdoor games and in religious services. A cook-out of very good home-grown steaks climaxed Monday's activities.

The Reverend Richard Lindgren, of Fairfield, Connecticut, arrived July 4 with five high school students to spend ten days in the Lodge on the hill. A similar group, drawn from Lutheran churches in different states, has been coming for several years. They take part in kitchen work and other indoor chores, as well as in painting fences and helping in the garden. They also plan and carry through recreational stunts and worship services, during their brief stay.

The architect reports that work at the new building site is progressing nicely. The foundation walls are up and the pad for the oil tank is going down, as we write.

Rose McKee

MONTEREY GRANGE # 291

Monterey Grange # 291 met July 7 for a regular meeting, with 30 members and 5 visitors present. The theme of the Program was "Important Moments in History," with many important dates touched on, including the first telephone, the Model T Ford, the Statue of Liberty and the origin of the Monterey Grange.

Applications for membership were accepted from Andreana and Remo Pizzichemi.

The next meeting will be on August 4. There will be an agricultural program, with contests in floral, vegetable and fruit arrangements.

On July 24 there will be a food sale on the library lawn from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer

PHILERGIANS

We will meet at the home of Helen Shaw for our annual picnic on Wednesday, July 21, at 6:15 p.m. Any who wish to swim are invited to come earlier. Through word and pictures, Helen Shaw and Gertrude Gould will share their recent trip to the Orient with us.

We are happy to announce that Mr. Richard Dyer-Bennet will again be giving us a benefit concert during the Monterey Arts Festival on Saturday, August 14. We hope that everyone will be watching for posters and tickets for this happy and enjoyable event. We are indebted to Mr. Dyer-Bennet for this generous gift to us, both financially and aesthetically. We have been using the money thus raised to give scholarships to Monterey high school graduates who are entering college, and for special projects of our church.

Marie Brallier
President



The annual meeting of the Historical Society will be held on July 17 at 8:00 p.m. in the Knox Room. At that time elections will be held for a President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer. The nominating committee presents the following names:

President - Mr. Alfred Mollé
Vice-President - Mr. Wallace Tryon
Secretary-Treasurer - Mrs. James Gould

Only members are eligible to vote, so do pay your dues before the meeting.

After a short business meeting, Mr. Robert Ensign will talk about the work of rebuilding and restoring Brookbend, which at one time was one of the showplaces of the Berkshires. When it was a delightful country inn, people came from miles around for afternoon tea and an opportunity to browse in the gift shop.

To offset the cost of some landscaping around the museum, a patchwork quilt has been donated, on which chances are being sold. Should our goal of \$100 be reached before the meeting, the drawing of the name of the winner will take place on the evening of the meeting.

Everyone is welcome. Do come and bring your friends and neighbors.

Sally Fijux
President



4-H NEWS

The 1976 Massachusetts Invitational 4-H Horticultural Judging, Identification and Information Contest will be held in Worcester County on Tuesday, August 24, beginning at 10 o'clock. The Berkshire 4-H office will provide transportation for both the Senior and Junior County teams. The next training session for the contest will be held on July 22, 7:30 p.m., at the Berkshire Gas Company in Pittsfield.

About the first week in August a team of Seniors and a team of Juniors will be judged and selected to attend the State

competition. Hopefully this year some 4-H members from Monterey will attend. Last year we had three boys going from Monterey. They were Mark Makuc, Shawn Ryder and Billy Bynack.

The Stamp Club has ended its activities for the summer. Meetings will resume in the fall, the first one being scheduled for September 8.

BOY SCOUTS

Pat Andrus accompanied the Webelos on a fifteen-mile hike along the Appalachian Trail. The hikers cooked lunch on the trail. This was the last activity of the season. The Webelos will be meeting with Oscar Bradley of Mill River in the fall.

GIRL SCOUTS

The Cadettes have been continuing their attempts to raise money for a trip to Washington, D.C. They are not sure they will make it this year, so they are setting their sights on next year.

MONTEREY CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

There was a basketball game and a business meeting on July 8. The camping trip to Beartown State Forest took place on Tuesday night, July 13. Food was purchased for the trip out of funds raised by the group during the year. Members brought their own camping gear. Lois Rose, adviser to the group, chaperoned the occasion. There was a good turnout.

At the end of July the group plans to go rollerskating.

The Youth Group is open to all Monterey youth, summer or year-round, aged from 13 to 18. Interested teenagers should call Sylvia Brallier, 528-1031, for details.

LITTLE LEAGUE

Monterey's Little League team has won 4 and lost 8 games so far this season. There are two more games to go, the last home game being on July 19. Assistant Coach Bob Gauthier reports that the team has improved since last year and that "the kids have had a good time this year, and that's what's important."

RED CROSS AND TOWN SPONSORED SWIMMING PROGRAMS

Berkshire County Chapter, American Red Cross, will offer a series of free swimming lessons to Monterey children. The classes will be held at Lake Garfield 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the following days: August 2-6 and 9-13. To enroll in the classes children must be at least five years old. Forms for parents to fill out are available at the Monterey Store. Contact Maryellen Brown for further details.

Lifesaving classes, sponsored by the town, will be held on the following days: August 16 to 20 and 23 to 27.

Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!



There is a photocopier in the library available to town officials and to the public. Cost is 10¢ per copy and the service is available Monday through Friday, 9:30 to 4:00, as well as during regular library hours.

Paperbacks are available on a "take some -- leave some" basis. These have been acquired mainly by donations, and it is hoped that this shelf will provide an exchange service to the community. Please bring in any discards you have and take some that appeal to you.

Andreana Pizzichemi, under a CETA program this summer, is doing clerical work involved with updating our catalogue.

The Knox Room will be dedicated on Saturday, August 7. Please watch the Historical Society bulletin board and the Berkshire Courier for further details.

Summer Library hours are: Monday - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.; Tuesday - 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon; Wednesday - 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.; Friday - 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Anne Marie Makuc

Dean Amidon reports a noteworthy occurrence on Lake Garfield on July 4. A pontoon boat belonging to some summer people named Burke, and which can only be described as "a floating front porch with an outboard motor," circled the entire lake on Independence Day. From this unlikely stage, decorated with commemorative flags, issued patriotic melodies played by a fife and drum ensemble and punctuated by an occasional explosive salute to the occasion. In lieu of tall ships, who could ask for more?

This month we are indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gunther for their contribution.
Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Gunther!

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